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SPECIFIC— POPOV, Gregoriy Vasil'yevich

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1. During the course of interviewing a recent refugee, Gabriela MAHN, born 16 November 1931 in Samftenberg, who was a student at the Humboldt University Medical School until her flight in 1955, she mentioned that she had been quite closely associated with POPOV. POPOV was assigned to Humboldt University in 1953 to study on the physiology of the central nervous system. He was born about 1892 to 1895, and comes from Petrosavodek where he has for some years been a professor. He is married and has two children, a boy believed to be studying in Moscow and a younger daughter still going to high school. POPOV was supposed to remain in Berlin for three years but was recalled during the summer of 1955; Source believes this was because he was regarded as being politically unreliable. She bases this belief on the fact that she trusted POPOV's Western orientation enough to discuss with him her plans for flight to the West and to hold with him general political and philosophical discussions in which he made clear his own opposition to the system in which he lived, as well as his own lack of desire to return to the USSR. Source describes POPOV as being essentially an old-fashioned Czarist scholar who is extremely competent in his field and his specialization, which was the nervous system of cold-blooded animals. She said that he had made clear his lack of belief in official Soviet theories based on mis-extensions of PAVLOV's experiments. Source visited him several times while he was suffering from a heart attack in the Soviet Hospital in East Berlin.

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2. Gabriela MAHN is an extremely attractive young student from a noble family. She hopes to continue her studies at the University of Heidelberg with Professor SCHAEFER and to continue research in the central nervous system. She can be reached through her grandmother, Hedwig, Graefin von PFILL, Nienburg/Weser, Holterfstrasse 28. If POPOV should ever show up in the West, it is likely that he would be delighted to renew his acquaintance with as attractive and as promising a student as MAHN, whom he had hoped would go to the USSR to do graduate work with him.

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